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ITURBIDE ASKS HELP OF CABINET AND DIPLOMATS

General Who Saved Mexico City Presents Statement Predicting Famine in Country.

IS NOW IN WASHINGTON, AND CONSULTS OFFICIALS

Accuses Villa of Operating Railways for Himself and Zapata of Exacting Pensions From Many.

SAYS THEY POSE AS SAVIORS

Asks Moral Support of Men Who Understand Meaning of Humanity, and Says American Leaders Do Not Understand Conditions.

POINTS IN STATEMENT

GIVEN TO THE CABINET Zapata, Villa and other revoludas for their own profit.

Not one hectare of land has been divided by revolutionary leaders among Indians and other

peons as promised.

Provisional government preverted from appointing tax collectors, postmasters and telegraph operators in southern

Mexico.

now in existence.

Villa taxing the nation indefinitely by operating the national -ailway lines with soldiers in his

pay.
Villa appoints governors of states, usurping rights of depart-ment of interior.

oxen, cows, grain and seed for sowing and cannot get work.

The cabinet officers of the United States government and the diplomatic officers of foreign governments accredited to Washington have been presented with a statement of actual conditions in Mexico which is said to be little short of startling, according to information obtained by a reporter for The Star last night. Famine within a year was pre-trict appropriation bill. Representative Page charged that unbusinessilke

from Gen. Eduardo Iturbide, who prepared it, and who personally presented it in conferences during the past week to the cabinet officers, ambassadors and ministhat "if the reports which the Department of State has received and had a conversation on this subject from its representatives in Mex- and told me he was going to say some-

· . Gen. Iturbide accuses Zapata, that the haciendas which Zapata has confiscated in Morelos, those which Villa has taken in the north, and those which other bands of so-called revolutionists have taken in the central part of Mexico have been sacked, destroyed and abandoned.

No Land Divided.

Not one hectare of land has been dlvided." Gen. Iturbide says, "as was promised by the so-called revolutionthe matter of the solution of the agraproblem for the consideration of mer capable of understanding it than for a group of conscienceless assassins, such

Gen. Iturbide, who is the grandson that Iturbide who was proclaimed Emthree times prevented the sacking of Mexico City, who transferred the executive power to Carranza and who is known even by his political enemies, made while he was governor of the federal district of Mexico, to be fearless in his championship of the right, as well as of undisputed personal courage and honesty, has been living in Washington for the past month, since he made a remarkable escape from the Mexican capital with the assistance of state Department agents. He is well known in Washington and a cousin of Frince Iturbide, long a resident of Georgetown.

"fired anothes in which I wanted to know how they determined the amount of personal property of citizens in the District. I was not only amazed, but I was shocked, as many of you will be, when I tell you his reply—that his employes in the office walked the pavement in frontsof my dwelling and the dwelling of other people who live in the District of Columbia and guess at the amount of personal property."

"What would they do in the case of apartment house."" asked Representations. hree times prevented the sacking of

Denies Re evelt Report.

Telegraphic news dispatches last the "launching of the Mexican aristoc-(Continued on Fourth Page.)

NEUTRALS TO BE FREE OF BRITISH TYRANNY, GERMANS ASSERT.

BERLIN, February 6 (by wireless to London). -Berlin newspapers today point out that the blockade measures which the German government has announced it intends to put into effect not only will serve as Germany's own defense, but also will "liberate the neutral powers from the tyranny of Great Britain, which is threatening international law with sovereign con-

tempt."
"The German declaration does not encroach on the international liberty of the high seas," says the Tages Zeitung, "but is confined to enemy coast waters, while Great Britain some time ago declared the whole of the North sea in the war zone, thereby recklessly injuring neutral ship-

ASSAILS METHODS OF D. C. ASSESSOR

Representative Page Says Personal Property Is Appraised From Sidewalk.

CHARGES ARE PLACED BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

William P. Richards Refuses to Comment Upon Speech Attacking His Office.

A severe criticism of the methods followed in the District building for the assessment of personal property was made on the floor of the House yesterday afternoon by Representative Page of North Carolina, chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the Dis-The statement, which has been and told the House that personal property is assessed by an official who "walks on the sidewalk by the house." The charges had already been laid before the Commissioners, and a report on the matter has been made by Assessor William P. Richards, it was learned last night.

Assessor's Statement.

Assessor William P. Richards was ters, contains the declaration asked if he desired to make any comment on the Page statement. He said: "Representative Page called me up from its representatives in Mexico should be published they would create a tremendous sensation."

Gen. Iturbide accuses Zapata, Villa, Gutierrez and other revolutionary leaders in Mexico, who, he says, have been posing as the saviors of the downtrodden peon and other Indians. He declares

Not Entering Complaint.

"I am entering no personal complaint about the amount of the assessment that I am called upon to pay," he said in that the first notice that I have resonal property carries with it a penalty of 20 per cent of the amount assessed. My curiosity was aroused somewhat, and I immediately called up the assessor and asked him for an explanation as to why I was taxed with a penalty upon the very first notice I had had that there was anything due the District of Columbia from me for personal taxes. I said, 'Have I filed with you any inventory of personal property?' He said, 'Probably not.' My next question was, 'How did you arrive at the amount of the personal property, to wit, \$2,400?' He answered upon the best information he could obtain. I was still insistent and a little curious. I said, 'How did you get the information, and from whom did you get it?' You certainly did not inquire of me, nor did I give it.' He hesitated to answer that question.

Guess at Amounts.

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ENDS U. S. ANXIETY AS TO THE SAFETY OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

German Proclamation for Naval War Zone Received by Officials Here.

SEE BUT LITTLE GROUND FOR IMMEDIATE PROTEST

Coasts of Non-Belligerent Nations Not Affected by Kaiser's

EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT

Says Food Vessels Will Not Be Mo lested-Possible Efforts to Protect Other American Craft to Be Determined.

STAND OF THE GERMANS ON BRITISH BLOCKADE

British war measures are a continuous violation of internacontinuous violation of interna-tional law, Grent Britain has dis-missed the question of contra-band by seising all objects des-tined for Germany and by taking away German property from neutral ships and imprisoning Germans of military age found on neutral ships.

All these measures have for their object the maintenance of

British interests, destruction of German economical life and starvation of the German people.

Neutral powers are contenting themselves with vain protests against Great Britain's illegal and injurious measures, and are even under pressure from Eng-land lasuing orders prohibiting export and transit of goods to

Germany.

Germany, therefore, is obliged energetically to protect her life and interests by declaring a

Concern of the United States over the menace to neutral shipping, through Germany's proclamation of a war zone in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, was alleviated last night when it was found, after examination of the official text, that the seas adjacent to no neutral country in Europe are included in the 'danger zone."

Administration officials age al explanatory memorandum which Ambassador Gerard notibelieve, however, that it will leave little ground for protest against Germany's action in advance of the stars and Stripes still Germany's action, in advance at least of some specific violation of the rights of neutral merchantmen.

break, with the State Statement by Will Irwin, an American writer, the Lusitania carried the regulation large American flag at her stern, with a small American flag and mail pennant at the foreness.

The United States' chief interest now is in what steps the German naval commanders will take to verify the real character of vessels flying neutral flags, and assurance that every effort possible will be made to save passengers and crews of vessels which may and crews of vessels which may be carrying contraband will be BELGIAN COMMISSION

Areas of Operation.

The official text of the proclamation received vesterday from Ambassado ment, and made public last night, re veals that the areas directly border

be endangered in the same ways, as the property of the waters around the belligater termination of the waters around the belligater terminates at the waters around the belligater terminates at the waters around the belligater terminates and a little water around the belligater terminates and and the waters arounded the waters arounded the waters arounded the water ar



LUSITANIA, FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG, CROSSES IRISH SEA SAFELY TO LIVERPOOL

Cunard Liner Captain Hoists United States Ensign in Place of Union Jack to Protect the Neutral Passengers and Mails Aboard the Ship.

LONDON, February 6, 5:04 p.m.—The Cunard line Steamer Lusitania crossed the Irish sea flying the American flag. The Lusitania sailed from New York January 30, arriving at Liverpool today. An American passenger said the captain claimed the right to fly the American flag because he had neutral mails and neutral passengers aboard.

The Lusitania received a wireless message from the Baltic of the White Star line that two subawaiting with intense interest the marines had been sighted from that vessel.

fied the State Department has jured eleven passengers, the Lusibeen prepared particularly for this terday. She cruised off the Irish port government by Germany. They for two hours, and, without picking

former United States Senator La-fayette Young, another passenger, while he did not personally see the flag flying, said it was accepted as a

While the British foreign office has received no official advices concerning a report current in shipping circles that the Cunard line steamship Lusitania port of the use of the American flag by

using the union jack to escape capture it naturally feels that a similar privi-lege would be granted to its ships in

"If a person uses the British flag and assumes the British national character on board a ship owned in whole or in part by persons unqualified to own a British ship, for the purpose of making the ship appear to be British, the ship shall be subject to forfeiture under this act unless the assumption has been made for the purpose of escaping capture by the enemy or by a foreign ship of war in the exercise of some belliggent tright."

on a vessel.

Examination of the statutes of the United States reveals that there is no law prohibiting the misuse of the American flag by foreign vessels.

Upon the outbreak of war with Chile in 1879 Peru inquired of the United States as to what conditions must be complied with in order that a merchant vessel might be considered as belong-

The American legation in Peru sent a note in reply which was supplemented by a memorandum from the Secretary of State, Mr. Evarts, who said that "there is no prohibition of the use of the American flag by a foreign vessel beyond the jurisdiction of the United States, or any penalty provided therefor."

The Runerican legation in Peru sent a note of the invaders.

Assumption by the Russians of the offensive west of Warsaw was coincident with the arrival at the front of Emperor Nicholas.

The Russian artillery is playing a big part in this latest battle. Its execution has been deadly, simply smashing battalion after batalion of the enemy and annihilating their armored cars.

where ships at different ports require cargo, the commission will furnish free inland-to-seaboard transportation on such donations of non-perishable foodstuffs, clothing, blankets, etc., as are given to the custody of its recognized branch or state committee at its official depot; delivered or sent to one of the many assembling depots; or consigned direct to the commission for relief in Belgium from the point of origin—that is, the railroad, coastwise steamer, express or parcel post stations Union Station Vacated by **CREATES 100 DEPOTS**

Arrangements Made for Free Transportation for Relief of Non-Combatants. TWENTY MINERS KILLED

ments for 100 inland assembling de-pots throughout the United States, where donations for the non-combat -Twenty miners were killed and 160 gether and reshipped in carload lots to the most desirable seaports, have been perfected by the commission for company today.

Which Seek Higher

scaped death in an explosion in the lines operating out of there were Carlisle mine of the New River Coal forced to seek stations on higher

Suffering Held to Minimum. While a large number of houses he wholesale and densely populated

esident district are under water, the to goods have been held to the minimum. This was made possible by the ample warning given as well as the efficient work of the numerous charity and relief organizations in the city.

The flood waters have inundated the low lying sections of both Newport and Covington, Ky., across the river from Cincinnati and hundreds of familiary that the coverage of the city of ies have been forced to vacate thei

RUSSIAN ARTILLERY CRUSHES TEUTONIC ATTACK ON WARSAW

Petrograd Advices Describe Defeat, With Great Slaughter, of von Hindenburg's Army.

MUSCOVITES CROSS THE BZURA, CAPTURING GERMAN POSITIONS

Czar's Forces Now Threaten to Cut Line of Communication of Kaiser's Armies in Poland, Which, Facing Annihilation, Are Fighting Desperately.

AVIATOR SINKS SUBMARINE.

ROTTERDAM, February 6 (dispatch to the London Daily Mail).-A Flanders correspondent says that Thursday night an English warplane hovered over Zeebrugge, and, defying the concentrated fire, made a sudden dive to within 300 feet of the ground. About forty German soldiers returning from the disciplinary court, where they had been sentenced to punishment, ran for cover in all directions.

The airman coolly dropped his bombs at short range on a submarine moored alongside the mole. There was a terrific explosion and the submarine was sunk. The aviator got safely away.

LONDON, February 6.-Latest advices from Poland indicate that Gen. von Hindenburg again has failed in his attempt to take Warsaw and that his army once more is in danger of being trapped by the Russians. The furious onslaught of the Germans in massed formation, with armored automobiles armed with quick-firing guns, was cut to pieces by the shrapnel of the Russian artillery, which had the exact range of the oncoming hordes and literally slaughtered the Germans. The rush has been checked and von Hindenburg is now waging a desperate defensive battle to save his army.

The Russians have crossed the Bzura and are pushing on their flanking movement that may cut the German line of communicaion and administer an overwhelming deteat to the foe. The hattle is furious and the losses are great, especially on the German side. Some reports say the dead will exceed any other battle of the war.

Deadly Artillery Work.

The Russian counter blow on the In the Carpathians, from Dukla Pass The Russian counter blow on the massed assaults of Gen. von Hinden-burg's men is, to British observers, the most interesting development of the most interesting development d struggle in the east. It overshauds south.

Three thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken in the various actions of the past three days.

Union Station Vacated by Forces, the German fortified position at this

CINCINNATI, February 6.—The Central Union railroad depot, the tracks of which are inundated by the flood, was vacated late today and the various lines operating out of there were forced to seek stations on higher Spound.

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The flood reached the stage of fiftyfive feet four inches late today, and
continued to vise at the rate of onetenth of a foot an hour. According to
the government weather forecaster the
crest will be reached some time tonight
or early tomorrow morning with
fifty-six foot stage.

Near Bolimow the Germans were unrelenting in their attack, and the Russians countered with equal ferocity.

The German forces repeatedly made
use of armored motor cars on which
machine guns and quick-firers had
been set up. A hail of shrapnel from
the Russian lines, however, forced them
to retire.

denced by the deliberation of forces toward the western front, and they compare these attacks with those delivered by Gen. von Hindenburg in the early weeks of the war, when six corps of German solders were rushed toward France.

forces have attempted to take the offensive at Shernike, which is sixteen tion. The Russian fire laid low rank

FOR STATE OF JEFFERSON.

Bill for the Division of Texas Is
Favorably Reported.

AUSTIN, Tex., February 6.—A resolution to create out of the Panhandle of the state sanate an assistant and Jefferson was favorably reported today to the state senate.

During committee debate both sides announced they did not expect adoption of trenches, but they were system of trenches, but they were of all the positions lost in the reast of all the positions lost in the past of all the past of all the positions lost in the past of all the past

Cost Germans 25,000 Men.

PETROGRAD, February 6 .- Followin which seven divisions of German six-mile front of Goumine-Borjin the Russians have assumed the offen sive west of Warsaw and have crossed the Bzura river at its junction with the Vistula. Their massed attacks cost the Germans 25,000 men, killed and wounded.

From all accounts, the conflict now its processes along the processes.

While the Germans with three-quarters of their forces along the Bzura ters of their forces along the Bzura the Russians seized this opportunity to throw their forces across the Bzura at Kamion, near the junction of the Bzura with the Vistula and captured the German fortified position at this place.

At the same time they drove the Germans across the Bzura at Dakhova, which is close to Sochaczew.

At Kaminon the Russians captured a quantity of steel bullet proof shields which they immediately utilized in the succeeding fighting. They also of the czar's armies in the north and south, although in the former region they be considered at the conflict now in progress along the Bzura, where the Russians are pushing their advantages, is one of the greatest of the war. Before the Germans could recover from their defeat in the battle of Goumine-Borilmow, the Russians effected a crossing at the Bzura-Vistula confluence and drove the enemy from a bridgehead near Dakowo.

The savage fighting which resulted in the shattering of Gen. Makensen's army of 100,000, the flower of the German infantry, and in the new initiative of the Russians west of Warsaw was subordinated in public interest for the czar's armies in the north and south, although in the former region the Russians captured the committee of the car's armies in the north and south, although in the former region the Russians captured the confluence and drove the enemy from a bridgehead near Dakowo.

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south, although in the former region they have seized both banks of the inster river, enabling them to deliver a flank attack on Insterburg.

Germans Show Great Valor.

In a futile feat of valor, unparalleled nade successive charges preceded by guns, which spread death in the Rus the men in the rifle pits with noxion

Only the complete preparedness and steady rifle and machine gun fire of the land is a shield for the removal of forces toward the western front, and they compare these attacks with those delivered by Gen. von Hindenburg in the early weeks of the war, when six corps of German solders were rushed toward France.

Fighting Elsewhere.

From Skiernewice southward to Radom and Kielce there have been scattering artillery engagements. Farther south of this line Austro-German forces have attempted to take the officers toward the same of the Germans spoiled the plans of the Germans, who evidently were willing to make the greatest sacrifices in order to open up a way to Warsaw.

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The Russian artillery. which had rained shells upon this area for weeks, had the range of every inch of the ground and wrought indescribable havor as the German mass flowed over the open plain.

From early morning until late at night, February 2, 3 and 4, Gen. Mackensen launched incessant attacks at the Germans swept forward the artillery tore great gaps in their forma-Russians spoiled the plans of the Ger-